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1. In the summer of 1945, all former Luftwaffe personnel in Russian PW camps were transferred to separate camps situated near aircraft factories and airfields. The prisoners were assigned to work in their specialized fields. There was great demand for flight engineers and radio operators.

2. After the Russians had had an opportunity to judge the Germans' qualifications, the PWs were asked if they would like to remain in Russia as civilian employees after their release. Those who signed contracts (with German and Russian texts) committed themselves to work for periods of three to five years.

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the terms were "very advantageous".

PWs who accepted were permitted to write to their families if the latter resided in the Russian Zone of Germany.

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